

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Although, there has been an increase in the price of vehicles during the last two years, such increases have generally been only to the extent of about 6%. The increase in automobile prices is less than the general price increase in the country. This increase is mainly due to increase in the cost of inputs such as raw materials, components, capital, power, etc.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Setting up of Industries with Foreign Investment

1112. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals have been received from abroad for setting up of industries in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on December 31, 1996, State-wise alongwith names of the countries;

(c) the total investment proposed to be made therein; and

(d) the details of survey report regarding generation of employment opportunities as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) A total number of 2303 proposals (Financial and Technical) involving foreign direct investment of Rs. 36146.80 Crores have been approved during the period from 1.1.96 to 31.12.96.

The details of such proposals viz., name and country of foreign collaborator, equity investment involved, item of manufacture/activity are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to the Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

(d) Details of employment generation with specific linkage to foreign direct investment is not centrally maintained. It is relevant that when the foreign investment is made in the Industry, it would result in generation of employment opportunities.

Additional Central Assistance to M.P.

1113. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Tenth Finance Commission has not recommended for providing planning revenue deficit grant to Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the State will face difficulty in mobilising revenue expenditure for planning and lesser resources will be available for planning; and

(c) if so, whether the Government will propose to reconsider to provide additional central assistance to

the State for financing of the planning and special problems of the State to supplement the resource crunch arising out of not providing the above grant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) The Tenth Finance Commission (TFC) has not recommended plan revenue deficit grant to States.

(b) and (c) The total devolution to Madhya Pradesh as per the award of Tenth Finance Commission for the period 1995-2000 is estimated to be Rs. 16094 crores as compared to Rs. 7843 crores recommended by the Ninth Finance Commission over the preceding quinquennium 1990-95. There is adequate increase in the total devolution to State as recommended by Tenth Finance Commission.

The requirement of resources for funding the plan is assessed by Planning Commission in consultation with States. The Annual Plan of Madhya Pradesh for 1996-97 as finalised by Planning Commission is fully funded. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to give additional Central assistance to the State in addition to what has been allocated by Planning Commission.

[English]

National Infrastructure Development Corporation

1114. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Infrastructure Development Corporation have examined the details of infrastructure improvements to invite foreign finance for developing Indian economy; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the areas of research made by the above Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Infrastructure Development Finance Company announced in the Budget speech for the year 1996-97 has been incorporated as a non-Government company on 30.1.97. As per the Memorandum of Association of the company, the objects of the company inter-alia include mobilising capital from domestic and foreign investors, providing financial assistance, guarantees and other form of credit enhancement to companies engaged in developing or financing of infrastructure projects in the country. The company is currently in the process of preparing a detailed business plan.

Fifth Pay Commission

1115. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Fifth Pay Commission has recommended recast of Ministries;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
 (d) the details of action taken/proposed thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (d) With a view to restructuring the Central Government, aimed at optimising the size of the governmental machinery, the Fifth Central Pay Commission have, inter alia, recommended abolition of the Deptt. of Programme Implementation, reduction in the size of the Planning Commission and realignment/merger of a number of existing Deptts. A list of Departments recommended for realignment/merger is given in the attached statement.

The Government have constituted an Empowered Committee of Secretaries to process the recommendations of the Commission. Appropriate decisions on various recommendations would be arrived at having regard to all relevant factors.

Statement

Sl. No.	Department(s) to be Merged	Ministry/Department in which to be Merged
1	2	3
1.	Department of Administrative Reforms	Cabinet Secretariat
2.	Department of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries	Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (to be renamed as Department of Agriculture)
3.	Department of Jammu and Kashmir Affairs, Official Languages and Inter-State Council	Ministry of Home Affairs
4.	Department of Consumer Affairs	Department of Civil Supplies and Public Distribution
5.	Department of Fertilizers	Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals
6.	Departments of Family Welfare, Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy	Department of Health
7.	Departments of Industrial Policy and Promotin, Industrial Development, Public Enterprises Heavy Industry, Small Scale Industries, Agro and Rural Industries and Ministry of Textiles.	To be merged into a new single department called Department of Industrial Development

1	2	3
8.	Department of Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports, Women and Child Development	Department of Education
9.	Department of Food Procurement and Distribution, Food Processing Industries	Department of Food
10.	Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Resources	Ministry of Power
11.	Department of Rural Employment and Poverty Alleviation, Department of Wasteland Development	Department of Rural Development
12.	Department of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation	Department of Urban Development
13.	Department of Statistics	Department of Planning
14.	Anti-corruption wing of the CBI	Central Vigilance Commission

[Translation]

Development of Rural Industries

1116. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated by the Union Government for the development of rural industries during the last three years;

(b) whether the said amount was adequate for the said purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Following amounts have been released to Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for development of Khadi and Village Industries units during the last three years :

Year	(Rs. in crores)
1993-94	208.00
1994-95	216.00
1995-96	337.00

(b) and (c) These amounts have been released to KVIC on the basis of various Khadi and Village industries programmes finalised by the Commission.